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GENESIS MISSION PATCH DESIGN CONTEST WINNER

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The NASA Discovery series Genesis mission announces that Sydney John Hicks, Lancashire resident, has been named winner in the age 18 & over category in a recent contest to design a mission patch.

Sydney Hicks entered the mission patch contest after visiting the Genesis mission Web site. He notes that in addition to his chosen career in graphic design, he has always had a profound interest in space study. "Whenever I look up at the moon, I remember that humans have walked on the surface that's hanging there above me in the sky, and of what that means in terms of distance and of achievement. Best of all, space exploration is driven by dreamers. And so, even those of us who can't do the science can take part in the dream." Sydney's winning entry may be found on the Internet at the Genesis mission Web site at <http://genesismission.jpl.nasa.gov>.

Representatives from Genesis mission partner agencies judged nearly 300 entries that came from 23 states, Canada, England, and Malaysia. Contest judge Ed Vigil of Los Alamos National Laboratory observed, "I enjoyed seeing and judging all the wonderful entries. I was especially excited by the number of entries from young people. All in all, I think everyone did a great job and they should be congratulated for their hard work and artistic efforts."

Entry format ranged from crayon to watercolor, from colored pencil to computer graphics. Designs were judged on originality, theme and use of the required design elements. According to Dr. Gilbert Yanow, Genesis mission Outreach Coordinator at Jet Propulsion Laboratory and contest judge, "I was amazed at the ability of not only the adults, but also children, to truly capture the scientific essence and significance of our mission."

Winning designs in the four age categories are displayed on the Genesis mission Web site and may be used on future mission-related products. The winner in each category will receive a certificate of recognition and a space exploration book. The Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL) in Aurora, Colorado coordinated the mission patch contest.

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